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What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for price auditing in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the
4 data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
5 b) generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a
6 plurality of distributors of the supply chain;
7 c) sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing the network;
8 d) receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;
9 e) calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order forms and the
10 invoices; and
11 f) auditing the price.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a
2 predetermined amount.

- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the price of the goods is calculated from the
2 electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a
3 plurality of prices.

- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2 stores.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2 stores.

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1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein an electronic mail alert is generated in response
2 to the audit.

1 7. A system for price auditing in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:

- 3 a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4 network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
- 5 b) logic for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods
6 from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;
- 7 c) logic for sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing the
8 network;
- 9 d) logic for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;
- 10 e) logic for calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order forms and
11 the invoices; and
- 12 f) auditing the price.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a
2 predetermined amount.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the price of the goods is calculated from the
2 electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a
3 plurality of prices.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2 stores.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the
2 stores.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein an electronic mail alert is generated in response to
2 the audit.

- 1 13. A computer program product for price auditing in a supply chain management
2 framework, comprising:
 - 3 a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4 utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the stores;
 - 5 b) computer code for generating electronic order forms based on the data for
6 ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;
 - 7 c) computer code for sending the electronic order forms to the distributors utilizing
8 the network;
 - 9 d) computer code for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;
 - 10 e) computer code for calculating a price for the goods utilizing the electronic order
11 forms and the invoices; and
 - 12 f) auditing the price.

- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the price is audited by
2 comparing the price to a predetermined amount.

- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the price of the goods is
2 calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of
3 goods with a plurality of prices.

- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms
2 are generated by the stores.

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- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms
2 are generated by the stores.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein an electronic mail alert is
2 generated in response to the audit.